

REMARKS

The Abstract has been amended to eliminate any legal phraseology. A clean version of the Abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

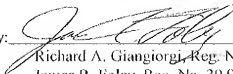
In addition, the claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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